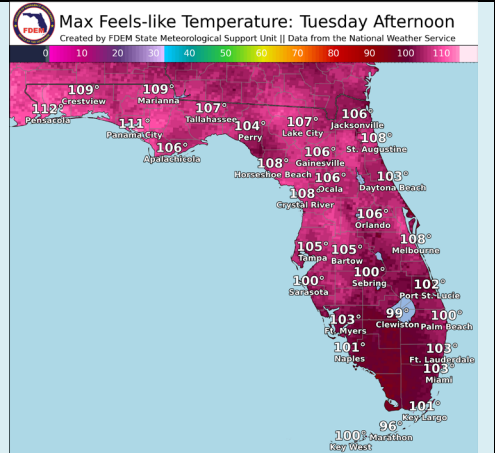
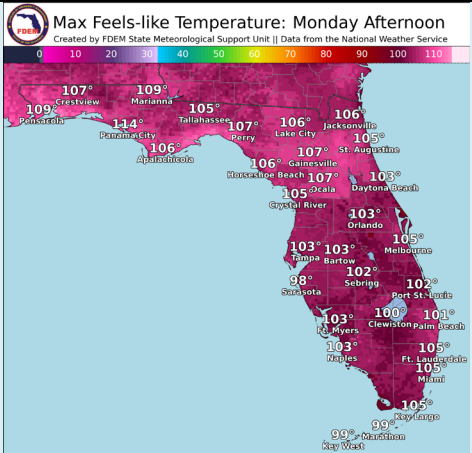
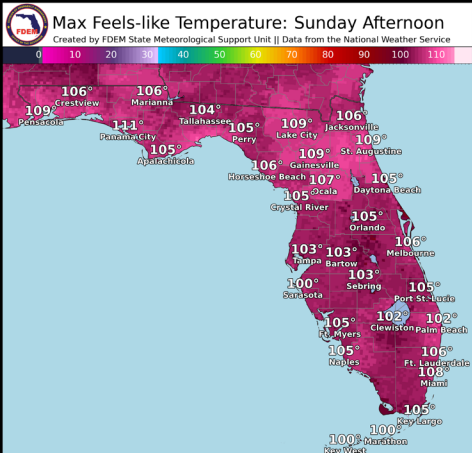
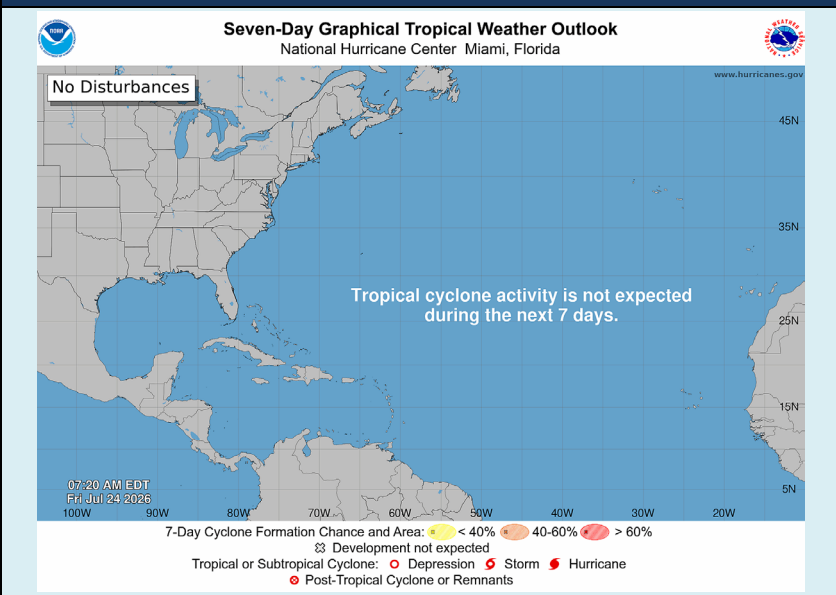


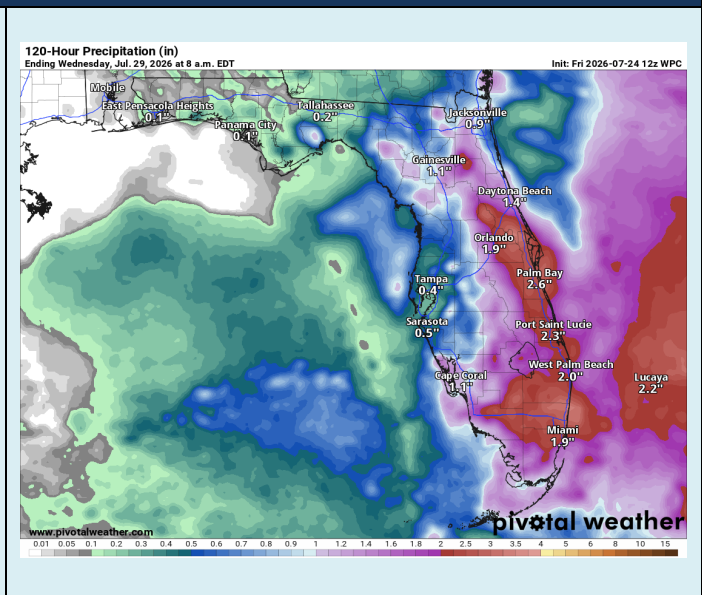
Friday, July 24, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Damaging Wind/ Hail	Flash Flooding	Tornado	Excessive Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	Locally Southwest FL South FL Suwannee River Valley	Iso. South FL	Iso. South FL		Locally Northeast FL Statewide		Iso. Peninsula	Panhandle Forgotten & East Coast Southeast FL & West Coast
Sat	Locally Southeast FL South of I-4 Corridor North & North-Central FL	Iso. Statewide	Iso. South & Central FL		Locally North FL Statewide		Iso. Peninsula	Panhandle & East Coast Southeast FL & West Coast
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Forecast Afternoon Feels-Like Temperatures: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday



7-Day Tropical Weather Outlook

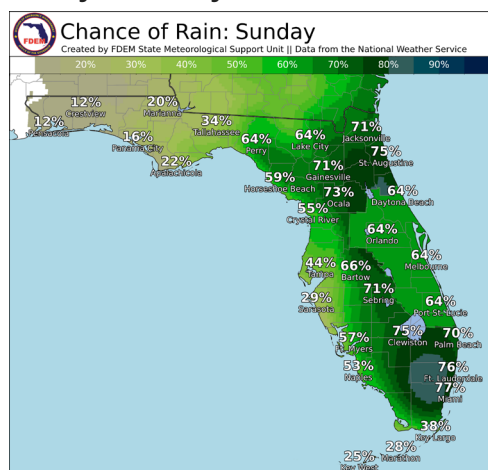


WPC 5-Day Forecast Rainfall Totals



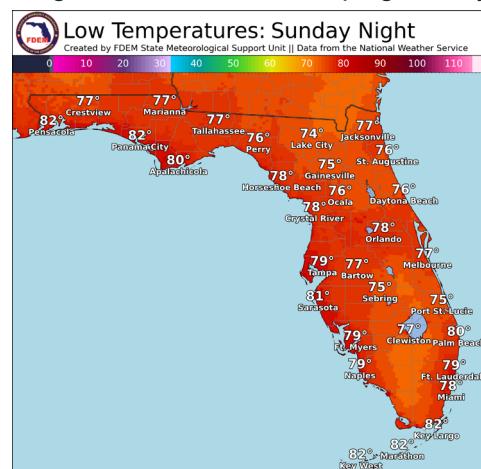
...Persistent Heat and Humidity to Headline the Upcoming Forecast Period... Feels-Like Temperatures in the Middle to Upper 100s Across North Florida... Localized Areas Reaching 110-Degrees the First Half of Next Week; Heat Advisories Likely to be Issued... Increasing Chances of Afternoon Showers and Storms Across North Florida this Weekend, Becoming Drier to Start Next Week... Rounds of Showers and Storms Expected Each Day Across Portions of Central & South Florida... Areas of Flooding Possible With Daily Heavy Downpours... Frequent Lightning and Gusty Winds to Accompany any Strong Thunderstorm Activity... Moderate to High Risk for Rip Currents for Most Statewide Beaches... No Tropical Cyclone Activity Expected in Next 7 Days...

Friday – Sunday:



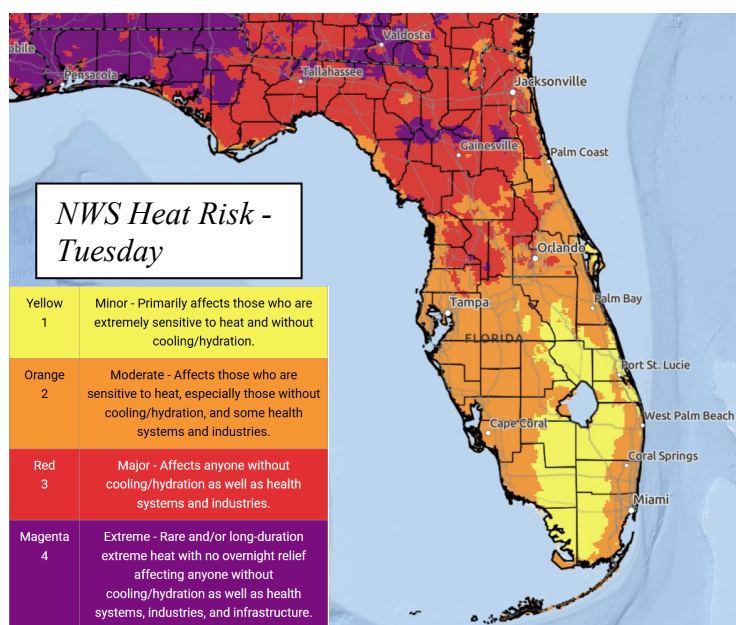
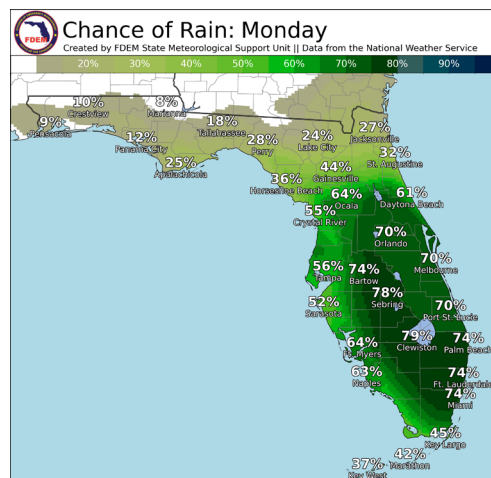
torrential downpours. By Saturday, this area of high pressure will begin to shift southeastward into the western Atlantic, opening the door for a much moister southeasterly flow across the entire state. As such, scattered showers and storms are expected nearly statewide on Saturday afternoon as the sea breezes advance inland (40-70% chance of rain). Winds will begin to shift out of the west to southwest on Sunday as a cold front dips into the Deep South and stalls just north of Florida. Ample tropical moisture will pool across the Peninsula south of this front where scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop along the sea breezes in the afternoon (60-80% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is currently outlooked for Northeast and East-Central Florida on Sunday for multiple rounds of **slow-moving heavy downpours** that may lead to instances of **flooding and ponding of water**. Additional expansion and/or updates to this outlook are possible as details become clearer regarding where the heaviest rains will set up on Sunday. Any thunderstorm activity across the Peninsula on Sunday could become **locally strong to severe**. Although chances of rain will not be zero across the Panhandle on Sunday (15-30% chance of rain), drier air will begin to filter into the region from the west keeping activity isolated in nature. Any lingering showers and storms throughout the state each evening will begin to dissipate or push offshore after sunset, and especially diminish in coverage after midnight.

High temperatures will climb well into the **middle to upper 90s** across North and Central Florida each day. Afternoon showers and storms will bring a bit more cloud coverage and rainfall to South Florida, which will limit highs from exceeding the upper 80s to lower 90s. Still, **hot and muggy** conditions will prevail statewide with heat indices peaking in the **lower to middle 100s** for most. The hottest conditions are expected in North Florida where heat index values could reach the **upper 100s** Saturday and Sunday afternoon. **Heat Advisories** may be issued as conditions warrant. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s each night.



Monday – Tuesday:

A downturn in rainfall chances begins across North Florida on Monday as the general flow shifts more out of the northwest (i.e. pulling drier continental air into the region). Still, a few isolated showers and storms cannot be ruled out along and south of the I-10 corridor on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, focused along the Panhandle and Big Bend coast (25-35% chance of rain). Abundant tropical moisture will remain pooled, however, across Central and South Florida on Monday where another day of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop along the sea breezes (60-80% chance of rain). This general northwesterly flow will begin to shunt the greatest moisture out of Central Florida briefly on Tuesday where chances of rain will slightly diminish (30-60% chance of rain), however South Florida will remain under the deep tropical moisture for additional showers and storms (60-80% chance of rain). Any areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours** across Central and South Florida through Tuesday may experience elevated **flooding concerns**. **Frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph)**, and torrential downpours will still accompany any **locally strong to severe** storms across the state. Shower and thunderstorm activity will linger into the evening hours before dissipating or pushing offshore before midnight.



A general downtrend in rainfall chances means a general uptrend in temperatures across North Florida to start next week. Highs will soar well into the **upper 90s** throughout much of the area, with a few locations across the interior Panhandle set to approach **100-degrees**. When factoring in the humidity, afternoon feels-like temperatures will reach the **upper 100s** to **lower 110s** in many locations of North Florida. As such, **Heat Advisories** are likely to be issued and **Extreme Heat Warnings** cannot be ruled out, although have a low chance (20-30%) of issuance at this time. Any prolonged exposure to the heat will likely lead to **heat related illnesses** under these temperatures. A bit more cloud coverage and rainfall will keep highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s in South Florida and lower to middle 90s in Central Florida. Still, heat index values will reach the

lower to middle 100s, and localized **upper 100s** cannot be ruled out in urban locations of Central Florida. Lows will fall into the middle 70s to lower 80s each night.

Tropical Weather:

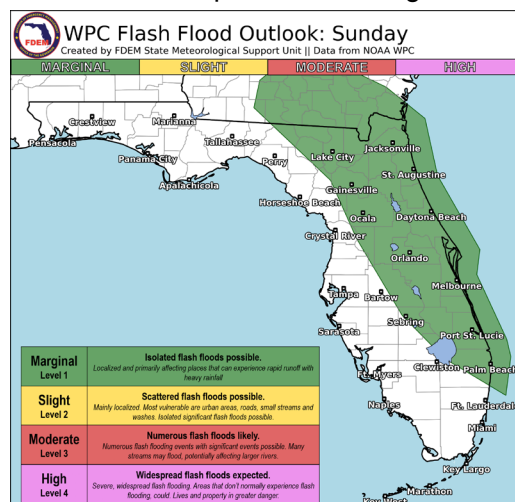
There is no tropical cyclone activity expected during the next 7 days in the Atlantic basin. For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Hydrology & Flooding:

A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is currently outlooked across Northeast and East-Central Florida on Sunday as a cold front stalls north of the state, allowing for abundant tropical moisture to pool across the Peninsula. Although many of these locations are still experiencing drought and the rainfall



will be welcomed, the heavy thunderstorm activity could be slow-moving leading to localized instances of **flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations that receive multiple rounds of heavy rain. Additional expansion, upgrades, and/or changes to this outlook are possible as we get closer to Sunday. Although there aren't additional outlooks currently across Central and South Florida, tropical moisture will remain pooled across the area Monday and Tuesday which will promote additional heavy showers and thunderstorms. Any of these slow-moving storms could put down a quick **2-3" of rainfall**, leading to some **flooding concerns**, especially in urban areas of East-Central and Southeast Florida. Total rainfall amounts will be maximized along the I-95 corridor of East-Central and Southeast Florida through Tuesday, with a general 2-3" of rainfall expected. Lesser amounts of 1-2" are expected across the remainder of the Peninsula. Locally higher totals **upwards of 3-5" or more** cannot be ruled out in areas that receive the heaviest slow-moving thunderstorms. Drier conditions throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend will keep rainfall amounts mainly below 0.5". For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the WPC [website](#).

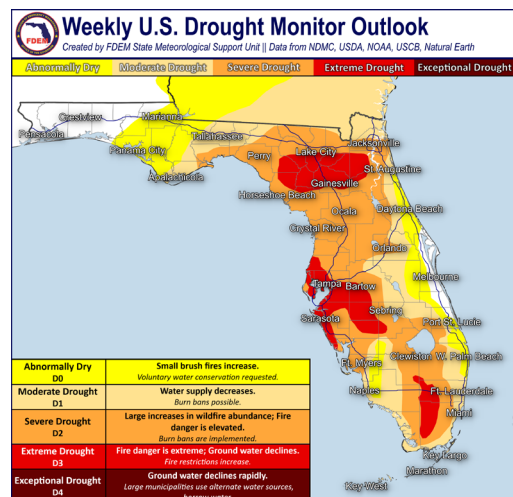


All Florida rivers are below flood stage. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 10.88 feet, which is within the operational band and 2.80 feet **below** normal for this time of year.

Drought & Fire Weather:

Higher than normal rainfall from a nearby tropical disturbance (that would eventually become Tropical Storm Bertha) has led to drought improvements across the Panhandle, Big Bend, and localized areas along the West Coast. Pockets of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** along much of the coastal Big Bend, in Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Lafayette, Dixie, and Levy counties have been reduced to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)**. Similar reductions from **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were observed in localized areas in Pinellas, Pasco, Duval, Clay, and Putnam counties. Further reductions were observed in the Western Panhandle, with portions of Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Wakulla, and Leon counties previously in a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** were reduced to a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The D0 (abnormally dry) areas were removed (indicating no drought conditions) for Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. Drier than normal conditions across much of the Peninsula this week has led to localized expansions (worsening drought) of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** across West-Central and inland Southeast FL. 14% of the state remains in an **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)**, a ~2% reduction from last week. 10% of the state has no drought designation, a ~2.5% increase from last week.



are likely in areas that receive beneficial rainfall. Otherwise, hot summertime temperatures will continue to cure and dry out sensitive vegetation in areas that fail to receive rainfall.

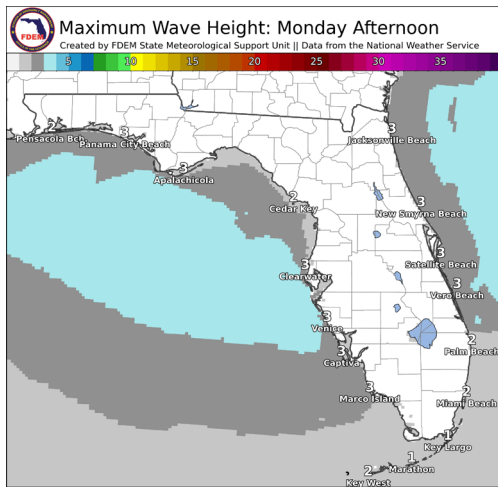
The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **369** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **4** Florida counties (Baker, Bradford, Hamilton, and Union) that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



The overall fire weather threat will remain low as relative humidities remain above critical thresholds and winds remain light. Significant wetting rains occurred over much of the state this past week, helping saturate soils and make them less prone to wildfire activity. However, locally drier conditions have been observed throughout Northeast Florida where relative humidities could dip into the **middle to upper 30s** this afternoon. Given the ongoing **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** in this area, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** cannot be ruled out. Otherwise, scattered showers and storms are expected throughout much of the Peninsula during this forecast period. Any thunderstorm activity may be accompanied by frequent lightning that can spark new wildfires or reignite old ones. Gusty/erratic winds within or nearby thunderstorms may lead to unpredictable fire behavior. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 39 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 27,373 acres (as of 11:30 AM EDT).

Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

Although surf conditions will generally begin to diminish for Gulf-facing locations, a **moderate to high risk for rip currents** will persist for Panhandle and Forgotten Coast beaches through the forecast period as onshore winds remain. West Coast beaches have diminished to a low risk for rip currents today and tomorrow, though will increase on Sunday back to a **moderate risk** with westerly flow bringing onshore winds. East Coast beaches will also continue to see a **moderate risk**, outside of Southeast Florida that will see a low risk.



Surf heights are to remain near **2-3'** for all statewide beaches through the forecast period. Will monitor wave heights on Monday in the Gulf where waves could briefly reach **4'** for some Panhandle and West Coast beaches with a moderate ocean swell building.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows there have been 142 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in Lake Okeechobee, Lake Mangonia, Carousel Lake, Lake Thonotosassa, and the upper and lower St. Johns River. **Moderate levels** have been observed in

Lake Panasoffkee, Lake Minnehaha, Lake Harney, Lake Washington, Palma Sola – West Lake, and Orange Lake.

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Have a wonderful weekend!

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